



WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 16, 1908.

It is generally admitted by both the political friends, and enemies of President Roosevelt that he made a bad break yesterday when he sent a special message to Congress containing a vicious attack upon Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the New York World, who, it appears, is guilty of nothing more serious than as publisher of a newspaper in a free country, called attention to a matter which concerns every taxpayer in the country. The World's reply, published elsewhere in the Gazette, is virtually unanswerable when viewed from the standpoint of America's free institutions. Mr. Roosevelt is passing the zenith of his career, a recession has set in and he is likely to go out with a bad smell. He has for some time brought odium upon his high position by his injudicious talk and actions, and most people have grown tired of his domineering spirit; hence they will breathe after the fourth of next March when his successor shall have been inaugurated.

EVERY male citizen of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 is to become a part of the military force of the country and liable to perform military duty, under the terms of the bill the passage of which has been recommended by the president in one of his many special messages to Congress during the past ten days. The bill provides an elastic organization and, as the president says, under its provisions it would be just as easy to raise an army of two million men as one of 50,000. The army, in time of war, is to consist of three branches to be respectively designated the regular army, the National Guard and the volunteer army. Mr. Roosevelt would have the United States become a great military power, patterned after the European nations and his proposed age limit shows that if men do not volunteer they will be drafted to serve time in the army, as is done in Germany and Russia. This is very repugnant to Americans, however.

A DISPATCH to the Boston Herald from Washington says that William Nelson Cromwell received \$220,000 for his services in bringing about the sale of the Panama canal property to the United States. This, it is said, was allowed by the French court. No American name appears in the list of canal stockholders but there are several ways of killing a dog besides shooting it. Mr. Cromwell may not have received a cent for the part he took in the deal but, as a rule, he is not in business for his health. If he got all the money for engineering the Panama secession and the sale of the canal property to the U. S. government that some people say he did, he could well afford to make the big contribution to the national republican campaign fund with which he was credited.

MRS. LOVELL HARGIS, of Irvine, Ky., has made public the announcement that she has \$89,000 which she is prepared to spend in order to secure the acquittal of her son, Bach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father. Before the trial is half over she will realize that she made a "most injudicious remark."

MR. ROOSEVELT is the most verbose president the country ever had.

MR. ROOSEVELT continues to send in his last message.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Dec. 16. Senator Daniel and Congressman Carlin appeared before the House committee on claims today and urged a favorable report on the bill now before the House for the payment to the Mt. Vernon Association of \$120,000 due Virginia for the money advanced by the state to the government for the erection of public buildings in Washington in 1790, the money to be used in the building of a road from Washington to Mount Vernon. The committee after listening to Messrs. Daniel and Carlin decided to give them a further hearing at some later date.

Lieutenant Commander Armstrong Rost, commanding the torpedo boat USS Hest, has been convicted by court martial of negligence in the recent grounding of his vessel and sentenced to be reprimanded by the Secretary of the Navy. The sentence was approved by Secretary Newberry. The court met at the Philadelphia navy yard, last week.

The U. S. Supreme Court is today hearing attorneys for the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad in their arguments in the famous rebate cases against that railroad, involving the constitutionality of the anti-trust provisions of the Elkins and Hepburn acts to regulate commerce.

The First National Bank of Somersworth, N. H., has been closed by order of the controller of the currency, and N. S. Bean appointed receiver. A default is said to have impaired the capital.

The president today sent to the Senate the nomination of Huntington Wilson, present third assistant secretary of state, to be minister to Rumania and Serbia and diplomatic agent to Bulgaria. William Phillips, of Massachusetts, now employed in the state department, is named as third assistant secretary of state.

Virginia Byram was today appointed postmaster at Garrison, Culpeper county, Va., and David Ambrose, at Marlboro, Frederick county, Va.

President Roosevelt today informed a delegation of prominent West Virginia politicians, including the two senators, that they were "wasting their time" in recommending F. P. Grosvenor, brother of Judge Grosvenor, of Chicago, for the vacant internal revenue collectorship.

Six tenement houses on Grant street, New York, were destroyed by fire early today. Four persons are missing, and it is feared that others are still in the flames. The blaze started in the cellar of the six-story building. An explosion which shook the structure came before the flames burst from the basement windows and it is thought the fire may be of incendiary origin.

Sixtieth Congress.

Washington, Dec. 16.

SENATE.

The long looked for resolution looking to a censure of the president for his references in his annual message to the employment of secret service officers was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Aldrich. It refers to the subject of the Senate appropriations committee and involves an investigation of the whole secret service organization.

The resolution is as follows: "That that portion of the annual message of the president relating to the secret service is hereby referred to the committee on appropriations, which are instructed to inquire whether the legislation referred to in the message or sufficiency of the force employed in the secret service, and such committees are further directed to ascertain what persons other than those included in the secret service were paid from the public treasury during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, for services in connection with the enforcement of the laws or for work in the detection or investigation of possible crimes or criminal acts or violations of the law, including all special attorneys, special agents, inspectors or other employees of any department of the government or any branch of the public service, and all persons whose employment was authorized by indefinite or general appropriations; the information to contain the names of all persons so employed or paid, their previous occupation, the nature of the work in which they were engaged, by whom they were appointed, and upon whose suggestion or recommendation, the inquiry; however, not to include officers appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate, or officers specifically provided for by law, or laborers appointed as such and actually engaged in employment as laborers."

For the purpose of carrying out the instruction of the Senate the committee on appropriations are authorized to send for persons and papers, to subpoena witnesses, to administer oaths, to examine witnesses under oath and employ such clerical and other assistance as shall enable the committee to report fully &c., and to make such recommendations as they may see fit.

Mr. Aldrich's resolution when presented in the Senate was referred to the committee to audit and control the contingent expenses of the Senate.

Senator Culberson said that while he did not object to the resolution, he did not approve of its phrasing. He offered a substitute resolution. It recites in full the language of the president in his message dealing with the secret service and declares it is incumbent on the Senate to take cognizance of the language. It instructs the committee of appropriations to investigate the matter and report what action, if any, should be taken. It does not authorize the committee to take testimony or conduct any other inquiry.

Senator Keen, immediately reported favorably from the committee on contingent expenses, the Aldrich resolution.

Senator Culberson objected to present consideration of the resolution, saying the committee could have held no meeting to consider the question. He desired that his resolution, which omits the last paragraph of the Aldrich resolution, should be discussed by the full committee. The whole matter went over until tomorrow without further debate.

The Foraker resolution, calling on the War Department for full information regarding the employment of detectives to shadow negro soldiers dismissed because of alleged participation in the Brownsville riot, was adopted by the Senate today, without discussion.

Expressing himself as fully convinced that members of the colored 25th Infantry did shoot up the town of Brownsville, Senator Lodge today discussed the two pending bills to enable innocent members of the battalion to be restored to the army. He held that the president, under his powers as commander-in-chief, had undoubted authority to discharge the men.

HOUSE.

The House today in committee of the whole resumed consideration of the bill for revision and codification of the penal laws, continuing debate on the amendment offered yesterday by Rep. Garrett (dem. Tenn.), which prohibits the mailing of matter of information relating to margin stock gambling. Southern members particularly attacked speculation in cotton futures.

The House today passed a bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river at or near St. Paul, Minnesota, by the St. Paul bridge and terminal company.

TELEGRAPHIC REVIEWS.

In a collision between a freight and passenger train today in the Pouch tunnel near Lomogues, France, ten persons were killed and a score fatally injured.

Every window glass factory in the United States is effected by the demand being sent to the manufacturers today for a general increase of 25 per cent. to take effect in 1909 in the wages scale. Seven thousand skilled workmen are interested. Manufacturers are notified that if the union's wish is not granted the blowers, gatherers, cutters and flatters will stop work.

News of the Day.

Mr. Ogden Mills, of New York, has announced the engagement of his daughter Beatrice to the Earl of Grafton.

By agreement of counsel, Dr. Thomas B. Ross, who killed Dr. A. B. Pitts, at Hazelhurst, Ky., goes to prison for life.

President Roosevelt and Ambassadors Bryce, Jusserand and Nabuco at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington last night paid tribute to Saint Gaudens, the sculptor, in speeches.

Donald Grant Mitchell, 84 years old, the author, who wrote under the pseudonym of Mark Twain, died at his home, Marshwood, in Edgewood, a suburb of New Haven, Conn., last night.

The Russian government has accepted the Austrian proposals regarding an international congress on the Balkan question, but leaves the annexation question subject to separate negotiations among the powers.

Judge John L. Nolan, grand sire of the St. Lawrence Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, died at Nashville, Tenn., last night, following a surgical operation. Judge Nolan was 55 years old and had practiced law for 30 years.

The total vote cast for president of the United States at the last election was 14,852,239. The totals show the following votes cast: Taft, republican, 7,637,676; Bryan, democrat, 6,393,182; Debs, socialist, 447,651; Chafin, prohibitionist, 241,252; Hagen, independent, 83,186; Watson, populist, 33,871; Gilbane, socialist labor, 15,421. Total for all candidates, 14,852,239.

The jury which is to try T. Jenkins Hains under indictment with his brother, Captain Peter O. Hains, jr., for the murder of William E. Annis, was completed at Flushing, N. Y., yesterday evening. Twenty-five tiny iron figures of the principals and witnesses and model of the yacht are to illustrate the story to the jury. Mrs. Annis is to tell the court what she knows of the story.

Tom Longboat, the great Canadian Indian runner, won last night the Marathon race of 26 miles 385 yards, at Madison Square Garden, New York.

His opponent was Dorando Pietri of Italy, who last summer in the Olympic games at Shepherd's Bush, near London, was first in the stadium, but collapsed before reaching the tape. Dorando collapsed last night on the second lap of the twenty-six mile and Longboat was declared the winner.

President Roosevelt yesterday afternoon approved the decisions of the courts martial in the cases of Capt. Solomon P. Avery and First Lieutenant William W. Ballard, both of the Coast Artillery Corps, who were found guilty on various charges and sentenced to dismissal.

Their names will be stricken from the army list from today's date. Lieut. Ballard is a native of Virginia and was convicted of intoxication. Capt. Avery is a native of Nebraska and was convicted several weeks ago for irregular financial methods.

Virginia News.

Four men suspected of a number of postoffice robberies in Virginia were arrested at Tazewell yesterday.

A barn belonging to Mr. George Carter between Middleburg and Leesburg was burned Sunday night. Six or eight horses were burned to death.

H. E. Whisenand and Brother, of Edinburg, who have been doing a general milling business, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$20,000, assets, about \$5,000.

The Norfolk Council, in joint session last night, carried out the reported schedule of a clean sweep in the magistracy of the city, no less than six heads falling in the basket.

Fire yesterday destroyed the large cannery factory and oyster packing house, stables and storehouse of F. O. Lewis, at Hunting Creek, near Parkersville, Accomac county, entailing a loss of \$25,000.

Federal Judge Waddill has recovered from his recent illness and left Richmond Monday night for Wilmington, N. C., where he will hold court this week for Judge Purnell, of the United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, who has been ill at his home in Raleigh.

Miss Audie Levi, daughter of the late Robert O. Levi, of a Clarke county family, was married yesterday to James Brumbaugh, of Martinsburg, W. Va., the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. John Clark, near Old Chapel, Clarke county. Rev. Julian Broadus officiated.

The Columbia Trust Company of New York, trustee under the \$150,000 bond issue of the Public Service Corporation of Virginia, owning the Hampton gas properties, yesterday filed in the U. S. Court at Norfolk its bill of foreclosure asking for the sale of the trust estate which is now in the hands of receivers.

At Bixley near Warrenton, the country home of the bride, yesterday afternoon, Miss Mary Lou Smith, daughter of the late Dr. Thomas Smith, and Mr. Alexander Gray, of Fauquier county, were married. Miss Smith was given away by her brother, Mr. Thomas Smith and the bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Edmunds Gray.

The controlling interest of the Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company, located at Lynchburg, was sold to local syndicate yesterday, and in future the immense pipe plant will be managed by Lynchburg interests. M. J. Drummond and A. J. McClure, of New York, who owned the controlling interest in the plant, retain only a minority interest.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate yesterday Senator Gallinger presented a memorial from former Senator Blair urging that suffrage be granted citizens of the District. Resolutions advocating the suppression of slavery in the District were also submitted to Senator Gallinger.

Senator Foraker introduced a resolution demanding the names, pay and authority of all detectives used in investigating the Brownsville case.

The postal ratings bank bill was the subject of speeches by Senators Carter and Dewey, both of whom advocated the measure. The bill was made unfiled business, the Senate displacing the joint resolution for the repeal of the commodity clause of the Interstate Commerce law.

The House was engaged in District of Columbia matters.

The Market.

Georgetown, D. C., Dec. 16.—Wheat 97-100

Today's Telegraphic News.

End of Castro? Willemstad, Dec. 16.—The end of Castro's reign in Venezuela is clearly foreshadowed in the riots that are occurring in all parts of the country as a result of the Dutch reprisals against that country.

Today's dispatches from Caracas show that the rioting that culminated in the attack on the office last Monday was more serious than early reports indicated. Almost a state of open revolt against Castro and acting President Gomez now exists.

All the pictures and statues of Castro of which he had given many to the city, were collected and burned in a huge bon-fire in the Plaza Bolivar.

The police wholly in sympathy with the mob made no efforts to check the demonstration and openly defied the authorities.

The temper of the people was so warlike that all those who are known to be allied with Castro hide themselves. The remarkable feature of the riots in the absence of any expressed feeling against Holland.

Steps are already under way to confiscate the property of Castro, the larger part of which however has been taken out of the country by his executive. The people are now convinced that Castro has fled with no intention of returning.

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 16.—News of the seizure of a second Venezuelan vessel caused much disorder when it reached Curacao. The report, which reached here today, says that the city has been placed under martial law after a period of pillaging and riot.

The Hains Trial.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 16.—A jury having been secured in the case of Thornton J. Hains for the murder of W. E. Annis, the trial of the case began when Prosecutor White outlined his case.

Mr. White concluded his summary to the people at 11:30. Mr. McIntyre was at once on his feet. "In the light of the opening of the case," he began, "we move that the first and second counts in the indictment charging Thornton J. Hains with participation in the actual killing be stricken out." "Not at this time," ruled Justice Crane. "I will rule against you temporarily and you may take an exception." A similar ruling was made on a motion to dismiss the entire indictment and G. G. Skinner was called as the first witness.

Castellane Withdraws Suit.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Count Boni De Castellane today announced the withdrawal of his demand for alimony from his former wife, Princess De Sagan, who was Miss Anna Gould. In the resumption of the trial of his suit for the custody of his three children, Maitre Boni, his counsel, read a letter from the count, which closed with this paragraph: "The new attitude of George Gould, as well as that of the princess, and the stained man who is now her husband, convince me more than ever of the necessity of separating my children from people who hold money to be everything and honor nothing. I, therefore, ask now for my children only and no money for their support."

King Edward's Condition.

London, Dec. 16.—Plans for the Christmas celebration of the royal family have a big event at Sandringham are greatly confused owing to the doubt as to whether King Edward will be able to leave Brighton to play his usual part in the festivities. The king has always presided at the family Christmas party, the one occasion of the year into which he enters with absolute abandon of his kingship, but it is doubted this year whether he will be able to participate. The king is greatly worn down by the persistence of his cold and the recurrence of his abdominal trouble.

The Turkish Parliament.

Constantinople, Dec. 16.—One of the strangest mixtures of barbarism and civilization ever seen in Constantinople is today swarming into the city for the opening of the new Turkish parliament tomorrow. In the list of delegates are several former brigands, tribal chieftains, merchants, politicians, statesmen and representatives of nearly every organization and business in the country. The plans for the opening are greatly confused and it will probably be a week or more before the body gets down to actual work.

Bank Robber Killed.

Greenwich, O., Dec. 16.—One member of a gang of five thought to be about to break into the First National and Farmers' Bank early today was shot and instantly killed by Marshal Wood and Wood himself was fatally wounded. Leaving their dead companion on the ground, the other members of the gang escaped into the woods, stole a horse and buggy, and are now in flight with a posse of 200 armed men at their heels and the police of the whole state warned to apprehend them.

Southern May Lease Road.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 16.—Sixth Vice-President H. R. Spooner and Chief Engineer Wells, of the Southern Railway, went over the line of the New Elkin and Alleghany Monday, and yesterday inspected the work of grading being done by the State convict force. It is understood that the Southern will lease, equip the road and operate it.

Mine Disaster.

Vienna, Dec. 16.—In an explosion of fire damp in the Doman coal mine near Reszka, Hungary, today, thirteen miners are known to be dead, while many are entombed with their fate in doubt. The exact number of men in the mine at the time of the explosion is not known.

We have received through the courtesy of the Neale Publishing Co. a copy of "The University of Virginia," a book recently published by David M. R. Culbreth, M. D. The volume contains five hundred pages, is handsome in its make up and is profusely and well illustrated. The author in the opening chapters gives an appreciation of Thomas Jefferson—the student, benefactor and exemplar—knowledge of him and of his personal characteristics having been gained through Mr. Wertheimer and other reliable sources. Dr. Culbreth goes on to give the history of the university from its founding, with most interesting reminiscences of student life and professors, claiming that this which he has written of his Alma Mater is intended "to encourage a remembrance of her past and interest in her present and a stimulus for her future."

No student of the university can afford to be without this work which would be an addition indeed to every library.

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL.

The special council called by Bishop Gibson for the election of a coadjutor bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia met in St. Paul's Church, in this city, at 10 o'clock this morning. The council opened with the celebration of the holy communion by Bishop Gibson, assisted by Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector of the church.

The council convened for business at half-past eleven with Bishop Gibson in the chair. The roll of clerical and lay delegates was then called by the secretary, Rev. E. Meade, of Pohick Church, and 70 clergy and 57 laity were found present.

Rev. E. B. Barwell, Honorable R. Taylor and Mr. W. C. Marshall were appointed on committee of credentials on the lay delegates present.

Bishop Gibson then announced that this special council is convened in this city of Alexandria and in this church of God, for the election of a coadjutor-bishop, which is a deeply religious matter. The council must remember that it is assembled not only for the election of a coadjutor in Virginia, but for that of a bishop in the church of G. D. Bishop Gibson said that he had been led to this decision from careful thought on his part and from no outside suggestion. The work of the diocese distinctly demanded a coadjutor at this time. After the announcement had been made on his part at the last council, it was judged best to have a special council devoted to the one work of electing a coadjutor. A great part of the clergy felt the necessity of this, and the standing committee acting as the proper council of advice, gave its opinion as to the strong advisability of calling this council.

The bishop then showed the remarkable development of the diocese and was glad to say that nearly every parish was now filled. But in addition to the regular and growing work of the diocese the bishop reminded the council that the legislation of the last general convention demanded more duties on the part of all bishops such as those arising in connection with the new canons on divorce, the calling of rectors, and decisions coming up under canon XIX, which allows special addresses to be made by "Christian men" in Episcopal churches subject to the approval of the bishop. Then there are special duties in connection with board and others meetings which make many demands upon a bishop's time. So every condition in the diocese shows the necessity of electing a coadjutor, and the bishop trusted that the council would now undertake this solemn responsibility in the spirit of Christ. The duties he would assign to the coadjutor, are the following: The visitation of all parishes once in two years; at every visitation to call the attention of the congregation to the diocesan missions, and take up an offering for the same; and to be a member of the bishop's official family.

Mr. James Oakley, of Richmond, then offered the following resolution: Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the bishop which committee shall be selected from the various sections of the diocese, at least one member to come from each convocation who shall ascertain and report at the next meeting of the council to be held in Leesburg the judgment of the diocese (1) as to the necessity of a bishop coadjutor for the diocese; (2) as to the ability of the diocese to meet the expense of said office. Pending a vote on this which was called for by orders, Judge Norton moved that the finance committee make its report so that the council might act intelligently in its decision with reference to the election of a coadjutor bishop. The report of this committee was then made by Mr. Oakley, after which the council took a recess, until 2:45 o'clock.

The council convened at 3 p. m. with the bishop in the chair. The report of the committee on credentials was presented by Judge Scott and accepted. The resolution of Mr. Oakley offered this morning was again brought up and laid on the table by a vote of 75 yeas to 30 nays.

Dr. Backford, of the Episcopal High School, moved that previous to the tallying in due form according to the diocesan canons for the election of the coadjutor, three preliminary ballots be taken without nomination, the clergy and laity voting alternately, the result of each ballot being posted in full view of the house and remain so until the tallying is ended.

It was agreed that the house now resolve itself into a committee of the whole for this purpose. Judge Norton, of this city, rose to oppose this procedure as foreign to the former practice of the diocese of Virginia. Dr. Meade, of the Seminary, supported Dr. Backford's motion for the silent ballots previous to those that shall decide the issue before the council.

At this point the Gazette's report closed.

Horses Burned to Death.

Indianapolis, Dec. 16.—It is reported that Allan Winter, winner of the Red-ville stakes and highest-priced trotter in the country, was burned in a fire that destroyed the Indianapolis Sales Company's stables early today and cremated 65 valuable horses.

A HUMAN TORCH.

In a fit of insanity, Mrs. Lizzie Tomblin, wife of Walter Tomblin, made a human torch of herself while confined in a jail cell in Berryville yesterday and her body is so fearfully seared that death is hourly expected. The flesh on her lower limbs is baked so hard that the least touch causes the skin to crack. All her clothes were burned off her body. Mrs. Tomblin has been an inmate in the Staunton asylum. She was recently furloughed and suddenly her mind became deranged and she was placed in a jail cell. Yesterday evening she pulled straw from mattresses and made a bonfire, then stood over the roaring flames. Her screams brought help too late. How she procured the match is not known.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice up to December 12, 1908:

Alber, S. W. Harrison, Mr. S. W. Allen, Va. Life Co. Harris, Mrs. Susan (2) Ayres, Mrs. E. V. Hughes, Mrs. A. D. Barnes, C. E. H. Jackson, Winnie Barry, O. P. Jarvis, Mrs. Thelma Buckle, Julia R. MacDonald, A. J. M. Burner, Mrs. Julia Macdonald, Thomas Busche, Geo. L. March, George Casanova, Liz. Serrano, Phillis, Janetie Carran, Mrs. Elton Phillips, Mr. D. J. Carran, John Thomas, Mrs. William Finch, Mrs. Annie Stewart, John Flanagan, Mattie Stewart, John Fox, Carrie Taylor, John W. Frost, J. T. Wilson, Bell (2)

Woods, C. D.

THOMAS BURROUGHS, P. M.

DRY GOODS.

Don't Overlook Our Great One-half Price Sale of Women's Suits. 12 Great Big Bargains.

Women's \$19.50 Suits..... \$8.88
Women's \$22.50 Suits..... \$11.25
Women's \$25.00 Suits..... \$12.50
Women's \$27.50 Suits..... \$13.75
Women's \$29.50 Suits..... \$14.75
Women's \$32.50 Suits..... \$16.25
Women's \$35.00 Suits..... \$17.50
Women's \$37.50 Suits..... \$18.75
Women's \$39.50 Suits..... \$19.75
Women's \$42.50 Suits..... \$21.25
Women's \$45.00 Suits..... \$22.50
Women's \$49.50 Suits..... \$24.75

Lansburgh & Bro

420 to 426 Seventh St. 421 to 425 Eighth St.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

We have received from its author, Col. William H. Stewart his recently published book, "The Spirit of the South." This volume has upwards of two hundred pages, is handsomely bound and typographically of the best. It contains orations, essays and lectures in which Col. Stewart lauds the statesmen, scholars and soldiers of the South—from Washington the patriot to Appomattox. It is distinctly interesting and instructive and will be of real value to the student of southern history. A soldier himself, the author can speak with full knowledge and remembrance of great battles and greater soldiers of our civil war—and we say all in saying of his book that it is "worthy of the men he praises, the battles he describes and the South he loves."

DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve. Best salve for burns, scratches and hurts. It especially good for piles. Sold by W. E. Creighton & Co.

FOR SALE.

Alexandria City Bonds Four Per Cent Interest.

The Finance Committee of the City Council of Alexandria, Va., have for sale a limited number of bonds of the following denominations, \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 each.

These are four per cent (4 per cent) coupon bonds, bearing date July 1, 1908, the interest being payable January 1st and July 1st of each year, and the principal payable July 1, 1938 and are not taxable by the city, may be registered at the option of the purchaser.

This sale is authorized by Section 5 of an ordinance of the city of Alexandria, approved April 23, 1908, which reads as follows:

Sec. 5. The Finance Committee of the City Council are hereby authorized and directed to exchange new bonds for outstanding bonds of same value and to sell, at such time, in such manner and amount as in their discretion may seem best, any of said new bonds for the purpose of raising money to purchase any outstanding bond. The proceeds of the sale of such of the new bonds as may be sold shall be used only in the payment of the old or outstanding bonds.

Persons desiring to purchase these bonds or any amount thereof can make application to any of the banks of the city of Alexandria, or the City Treasurer of said city either in person or by writing, stating the amount and the denomination wanted.

Persons who have not yet presented their bonds for exchange and desire to exchange their bonds of issue of 1879, for bonds of the issue of July 1, 1908 are requested to do so, not later than December 28, 1908.

For any further information apply to E. F. Price, Auditor of the City of Alexandria, Va. By order of the Finance Committee, W. H. SWENNEY, Chairman.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE
OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7th, 1908.
Messrs. L. Shuman & Son,
Alexandria, Va.

Gentlemen:—Once more the festive season has almost arrived and your numerous Chicago friends and customers send you a hearty Christmas greeting. The memory of that delicious fruit cake still lingers with us in the manufacture of which you are indeed a past master, and were we deprived of our annual order of the fruits of your skill, we should indeed be bereft of something lacking in our celebration of that day of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," and we therefore again appeal to you to assist us in a proper observance of that day by shipping at your early convenience \$250.00 of that delectable and toothsome dainty, the order for which is hereby enclosed.

In behalf of your Chicago friends and customers I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, a happy and prosperous New Year and many of them. Sincerely Yours, C. W. CHANDLER.

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THE ELKTON REDUCTION

In order to reduce our stock,